GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENTS INTO RIHAND DAM RESERVOIR
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the industrial effluents of the National Thermal Power Corporation and the HINDALCO factory, Sonbhadra (U.P.) is being discharged into the reservoir of the Rihand dam and thereby affecting the environment; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to check the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) Condenser cooling water and ash pond effluents from Singrauli, Rihand and Vindhyachal power plants of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) located in Singrauli region after treatment are discharged into the Rihand reservoir. Effluents from Aluminium plant of HINDALCO located in the same region are discharged into the Rihand river down stream of the reservoir. These units have provided the requisite pollution control facilities for treating wastewater.

(b) An action plan has been prepared for Singrauli region and the industries have been asked to take steps for preventing pollution of the Rihand reservoir and the river.